



City of Taylorsville Newsletter

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Emergency

Emergency	911
Unified Police Department Dispatch	801-743-7000
<i>(Non-Emergencies)</i>	
Fire Department	801-743-7200
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222

Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Control Shelter	801 -965 -5800
Animal Control After Hours Dispatch	801 -840 -4000
Building Inspection	801 -955 -2030
Chamber West <i>(Chamber of Commerce)</i>	801 -977 -8755
Gang Tip Line	385 -468 -9768
Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up <i>(Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling)</i>	385 -468 -6325
Granite School District	385 -646 -5000
Health Department	385 -468 -4100
Highway Conditions <i>(from cell phone)</i>	511
Park Reservations	385 -468 -7275
Public Works <i>(Salt Lake County)</i>	385 -468 -6101
Questar	801 -324 -5000
Rocky Mountain Power	888 -221 -7070
Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill	801 -974 -6920
Taylorsville - Bennion Imp. District	801 -968 -9081
Taylorsville Food Pantry	801 -815 -0003
Taylorsville Senior Center	801 -293 -8340
Taylorsville Neighborhood Compliance	801 -955 -2013
Taylorsville Justice Court	801 -963 -0268
Taylorsville Library	801 -943 -4636
Taylorsville Recreation Center	385 -468 -1732
Swimming Pool <i>(Memorial Day to Labor Day)</i>	801 -967 -5006
Taylorsville -Bennion Heritage Center	801 -281 -0631
UDOT Region 2	801 -975 -4900
Utah Transit Authority (UTA)	801 -743 -3882

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We recently held our 22nd annual Taylorsville Awards Banquet. This was a lovely evening in which we recognized and awarded outstanding employees, businesses and volunteers who contribute so much to the success of our city.



Mayor
Kristie S. Overson

- Volunteer Award of Excellence – Anna Barbieri
- Fire Fighter Award of Excellence – Wade Russell
- Police Department Award of Excellence – Brandy Stephens
- Taylorsville Business Award of Excellence – Mid Valley Animal Clinic
- Service Provider Award of Excellence – Barbara Riddle/ChamberWest
- Employee Award of Excellence – Kris Heineman

10 plus years of employee service:

- Vanessa Giron
- Lyle Hansen
- Shelley McLaughlin
- Blake Schroeder
- Shell Summers
- Kathleen LeMay
- Steve Porton
- Cindy Haynes
- Scott Harrington
- Cheri Petersen

15 plus years of employee service:

- MarRae Boyer
- Mark McGrath
- Cheryl Cottle
- Jean Ashby

20 plus years of employee service:

- Jean Gallegos
- Judge Michael Kwan

Thank you to all who contribute to the success of Taylorsville, a great place to live, work and play.

–Kristie S. Overson

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The **MAYOR**  **is IN**

Every THURSDAY from 2 - 4 p.m.
Taylorsville City Hall



Volunteer and Help Make Taylorsville
GREEN AND CLEAN!

8th Annual Taylorsville Earth Day and
Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Plant Trees ■ Clean Streets and Neighborhoods

Contact Kris Heineman (kheineman@taylorsvilleut.gov or 801-963-5400) for more information

ANNUAL EARTH DAY COLLECTION EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
8 AM TO 12-NOON
TAYLORSVILLE CITY HALL

AT THIS EVENT, WE WILL BE ACCEPTING:

- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
- ELECTRONIC WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE
- BULK WASTE
- GREEN/YARD WASTE
- RECYCLING
- DONATIONS OF GOOD QUALITY

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- FOR RESIDENTS OF TAYLORSVILLE ONLY
- NO COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL
- FREON IN APPLIANCES, AMMUNITION, AND MEDICAL WASTE NOT ACCEPTED

Contact Jeffrey Summerhays at 385-468-6337 or
jsummerhays@wasatchfrontwaste.org for more information.



COUNCIL CORNER

Headline

				
<p>Council Member Ernest Burgess - District #1 eburgess@taylorsvilleut.gov</p>	<p>Council Member Curt Cochran- District #2 ccochran@taylorsvilleut.gov</p>	<p>Council Chairman Brad Christopherson- District #3 bchristopherson@taylorsvilleut.gov</p>	<p>Council Member Meredith Harker- District #4 mharker@taylorsvilleut.gov</p>	<p>Council Vice-Chair Dan Armstrong - District #5 darmstrong@taylorsvilleut.gov</p>

WELCOME TO TAYLORSVILLE, MISTER CARWASH!



Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting - February 28, 2018

City Officials, ChamberWest, and Community Members participated in a Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Mister Car Wash! They are located at 3856 West 5400 South in Taylorsville. Mister Car Wash has 10 locations throughout the Wasatch Front offering a variety of services to keep your vehicles clean inside and out! Check out their website at www.mistercarwash.com



Chief Tracy Wyant



**UNIFIED
POLICE**
GREATER SALT LAKE

The following UPD Taylorsville Precinct Awards were presented at the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2018

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2017

Officer Brandon Sulich



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On 12-10-17, Officer Sulich was following up on information disseminated from Taylorsville Detectives regarding a frequent problem apartment in Taylorsville City. Officer Sulich contacted the occupants of a vehicle in this particular area that had history of illegal drug use. He was able to identify the occupants and have a friendly police contact, however, had to allow them to move along. The following day, Officer Sulich observed the same vehicle leaving the same apartment complex. He followed the vehicle to the area of 5400 S 3200 W. The driver appeared to notice that police were following her vehicle and pulled into the 7-11 parking lot. The subject was observed discarding something into the trash can, prior to driving away. Officer Sulich examined what was discarded and found, a loaded handgun, narcotics, and packaging materials related to illegal drugs sales. A short time later, a different vehicle arrived and the occupants were observed searching the same trash can. Contact was made with the occupants of that vehicle and as a result, three additional handguns were located and seized, two of which were also loaded. A distributable amount of methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, prescription pills, and approximately \$3000 cash were also seized. This was a potentially very dangerous situation, involving dangerous people. It was handled tactically and professionally, with the best possible outcome.

Officer Sulich's tenacity and dedication should be recognized and commended. He approaches each shift with the same drive and motivation, making Taylorsville City and Salt Lake County as a whole, a safer place to live and visit.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2018

Officer Dan Christensen

On January 10th, 2018 while on traffic enforcement duty, Off. Christensen, with the use of the latest technology, identified and recovered an occupied stolen vehicle. Again on January 11th, 2018, Off. Christensen identified and recovered another occupied stolen vehicle. During both incidents, Dan was able to safely take the suspects into custody and return the stolen vehicles back to their rightful owners.

In addition to the aforementioned pro-active work, Off. Christensen exceeds expectations in his duty as a traffic enforcement Officer. His work with traffic enforcement, distracted driving, DUI's and other traffic related offenses makes Taylorsville City a safer place to work and reside.

PRECINCTS CHIEFS AWARD 2018

Detective Jerry Byam



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On February 21st, Detective Byam cultivated information from a Taylorsville High School student, who had received a disturbing image on "Snapchat." The image indicated "Shooting up Eastside Memorial High School in Austin, Texas on February 22nd."

Although the reporting student did not personally know the suspect student in Texas, she did report that through past posts, he hated his teachers and used the name DJ and Lufak on Snapchat and other social media sites.

Detective Byam immediately contacted Austin Police Department SRO Daniel Martinez, who through both the information Jerry provided as well as an independent investigation, were able to identify and apprehend this potential shooter.

Detective Byam's tenacity and dedication should be recognized and commended. His care for his students at Taylorsville High School and beyond is admirable. He approaches each shift with the same drive and motivation, making Taylorsville City and Salt Lake County as a whole, a safer place to live and visit.

PRECINCT CHIEFS AWARD

Officer Elayne Franco



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Officer Elayne Franco is currently assigned to the cover graveyard shift in Taylorsville City, with the Unified Police Department. It is her responsibility to respond to various types of calls for service, many of which are difficult and challenging. Most of these calls for service require a person with superb professionalism, compassion, empathy, and dedication to effectively resolve. Officer Franco has been observed in action, over the past year as she has attended to her duties, by her fellow officers, sergeant, and citizens. Although the Unified Police Department employs many professional and quality officers, Officer Elayne Franco has stood out, as a light in the darkness to all she serves.

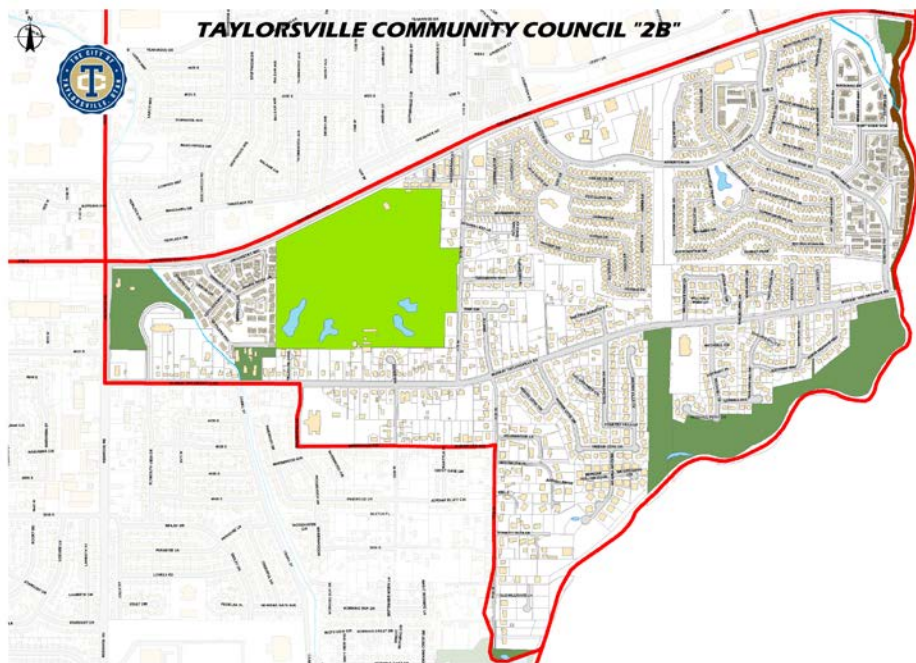
Officer Franco charges towards danger without thought for her own safety to protect those in need of her assistance. She is always kind and has a smile on her face. She provides comfort and support for those people that have come face to face with their worst challenges in life. Her compassion is beyond reproach. Her dedication has been observed even in relatively menial cases, such as going above and beyond to return a stolen scooter to a small boy, which was a prized and cherished birthday present. Some may have overlooked such a case, but not Officer Franco. Her dedication undoubtedly left an impression on that young child that will last a lifetime. Officer Franco shows great compassion, a sense of calm, and genuine love to victims of tragedies, in their darkest moments of their lives.

Although enforcement action is sometimes necessary, the way in which Officer Franco treats those who have broken the law with care and respect. This interaction often leaves them with a positive outlook and better direction on how to proceed with their lives. A heartfelt "thank you" from the offender is something that can often be overheard when Officer Franco drops someone off at the jail or issues them a citation. Officer Franco's dedication to the job, quality of work, contagious personality, and true desire to make a difference is second to none. She should be commended for her goodness that she imparts to the society and community we live in.

10-Ways to Reduce Auto Theft



2b taylorsville COMMUNITY COUNCIL



BE INVOLVED.
BE IN THE KNOW.
BE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY.

Community Councils are advisory councils where a variety of city-related community interests such as community and economic development, public safety, emergency preparedness, public services, city infrastructure, civil enforcement, and budget can be discussed.

Any residents, property owners, business owners; and leaders of local religious congregations, schools, nonprofit organizations, and other community organizations located within the boundaries of Taylorsville Community Council 2B are invited to contact Jerry Milne at (801) 268-4163 and/or email at jerrymilne@comcast.net

**Future Community Council 2B Meetings will be scheduled based on membership interest*

GREEN WASTE PROGRAM



The Weekly Green Waste Collection Program will resume beginning Thursday, March 22nd for Taylorsville residents. Taylorsville currently has 701 subscribers. This is a subscription program that helps divert green waste from the landfill to be processed into mulch that can be purchased for use from the Salt Lake Valley and Trans-Jordan Landfills. At \$114 per year, a green waste can is less expensive than an additional black refuse can at \$204 per year. For more information on this program, please visit our website at: <http://wasatchfrontwaste.org/green-waste>.

ILLEGAL DUMPING



Now is the perfect time of year to trim your trees! Salt Lake County Ordinance 14.12.050, and other municipal ordinances, require that trees and landscaping which overhangs the street pavement need to be trimmed to a minimum height of thirteen and one half feet (13 ½ feet) above the street pavement. Following these guidelines will help our trucks navigate through your neighborhood and empty your cans without potential damage to your trees and our trucks. We appreciate your help.

ANNUAL EARTH DAY COLLECTION EVENT



Taylorsville City will host their annual Earth Day Collection Event on Saturday, April 21st, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at Taylorsville City Hall. At this event, we will be accepting bulk waste, recycling, green waste, and hazardous and electronic waste. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Jeffrey Summerhays at 385-468-6337 or jsummerhays@wasatchfrontwaste.org for more information.

CAN SET-OUT

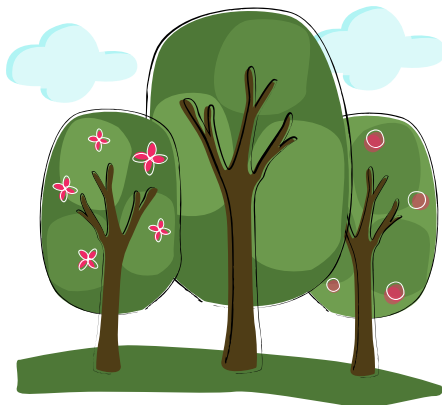
We would like to remind all residents to have their cans placed on the street by 7:00am on the day of their normal collection. Salt Lake Valley Health Department Regulation 7, Ordinance 4.3.2 also requires that the cans be taken off the street the same day they are emptied. We ask all residents to keep this in mind and to have their cans ready for collection in time, and to also ensure they are taken off the street in time for the health and safety of our neighborhoods.



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GET INVOLVED & VOLUNTEER Parks & Recreation Committee

The Parks & Recreation Committee is seeking new members. We are looking for volunteers to meet monthly and participate in planning activities that are family friendly in our Taylorsville Parks.



Residents interested in serving on the Parks & Recreation Committee are invited to submit a volunteer application located on the City of Taylorsville website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov



Sometimes it's hard to wait.

Whether it is a teenager waiting for that Sixteenth Birthday to be able to get behind the wheel or that special vacation it is sometimes hard to wait. Due to the lack of snow this past winter it is time to Wait 2 Water.

By delaying watering your lawn before Mother's Day, its roots will have grown deeper and your lawn will be healthier. This delayed watering benefits the lawn in hotter months when the surface dries out quickly but the roots can access water deeper in the soil.

If you have any questions regarding this article or any other water conservation questions please contact Dan McDougal, Communications Manager, at 801-968-9081. Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District.

WAIT 2 WATER

IF YOU DELAY WATERING, LAWN ROOTS WILL BE DEEPER AND YOUR LAWN WILL BE HEALTHIER. WAIT TILL MOTHER'S DAY.

"CRAPPY WOULD BE GENEROUS RIGHT NOW."

—TROY BROSTON,
HYDROLOGIST,
SPEAKING OF
UTAH'S SNOW PACK

www.ConservationGardenPark.org/WateringGuide

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! WE NEED YOUR CREATIVITY!

2018 Taylorsville
Dayzz 5k

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



Winner will receive \$50
and a free t-shirt with
your winning design!

Design Details—

Single Color

Include the words "Taylorsville Dayzz 5k"

Include the run date "June 30, 2018"

*** Please note. Some light modifications may have to be made to the design by the print shop.



Submissions due by April 30th

Email submissions to 5k@taylorsvilleut.gov

TAYLORSVILLE COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE

The Community Greenhouse is now open for Spring Planting. Cost is \$25



We also have openings for
Community Garden Summer plots.

For additional information please contact:
Toni Lenning at 801-265-1328 or
801-414-4192



TREE CITY USA

The City of Taylorsville was named a 2017 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. This recognition was achieved by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education.

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.



Gary C. Swensen
Valley Regional Park
5100 South 2700 West

- **Birthday Tuesday with Entertainer Larry Turner:** Tuesday, April 3rd with entertainment at 11:00 a.m., lunch at 12:00 p.m.
- **Basic Medicare Training:** Wednesday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m. Join a Salt Lake County Representative to learn more about navigating Medicare.
- **Podiatrist Visit:** Thursday, April 12th at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Shelton visits every other month. Suggested donation of \$10.
- **Yellow Dot Presentation:** Monday, April 16th at 11:15 a.m. Free driver safety course presented by UofU.
- **Recycling Presentation:** Thursday, April 19th at 11:15 a.m. by Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling.
- **Spring Special Meal:** Wednesday, April 25th entertainment at 11:00 a.m., lunch at 12:00 p.m. Sign-up for your meal by Tuesday, April 17th.



Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Remembrances

My Dad, The Gardener by Thom Rich

My Dad, Gene Rich, was a Tin Smith by trade and worked his whole life at Kennecott. I remember him riding to work in a car pool and when it came time for me to start driving, I had to make sure that I left the car at least half full so he could make it to the Arthur Mill in Magna and back when it was his turn to drive. In those days, we never filled the gas tank. We put in \$2.00 at a time and that was about 8 gallons...but I never remember filling the gas tank..unless there was a gas war!

So he was a Copper worker, like so many who lived in Bennion and Taylorsville, but his heart was really in the soil and when he retired, he had one of the most beautiful and tidy gardens that a man could have. There is a photo of him standing in front of his corn that was for a long time, his pride and joy. I used to kid him that this picture showed that he was "outstanding in his field".

He would stagger the planting of the corn seed, so fresh corn would come on every week for about 4-6 weeks during the summer giving us fresh corn-on-the-cob for the best part of the summer vacation.

Growing it wasn't automatic. Worms and earwigs would attack the ears, so when the silk first came on, he would meticulously dust every ear, individually, to prevent the pests from getting into the cobs. The corn had to be perfect and you could not spend too much time caring for it.

There were a couple of years when he had to deal with skunks coming in from adjacent coops and fields and tearing off cobs and pulling the whole stocks down. So, he made a trip to catch them alive. It was closed on three sides with mesh in the back. The skunk would walk-in to get the bait, the front door would close, and it was trapped. The back end had to appear to be open for them to go in.

Then he would dress up in coveralls, respirator and goggles, pick up the trap so the skunk couldn't see him and put it into a garbage can full of water. Didn't take long to eradicate the skunk problem. You see, the garden belonged to him and corn was king... and nothing was going to mess with my dad's treasure.

In later years, cantaloupes and other melons became his passion. After he had open heart surgery, his surgeon was delighted to receive a couple of new melons on all of his follow-up visits. He also loved home grown tomatoes and shared them by the bushel. He shared all his produce with anyone who happened to stop by and see him. Raspberries were a chore to pick and I just wouldn't do it, but he would pick them and give me some anyway.

I want to share a few stories that are dear to my heart about the kind of man he was as a father that relate to his gardening prowess and the way he did things. The first has to do with tilling the soil and preparing it for the off season.

In the last few years of his life, he would ask for help in getting the garden and his property ready for winter. Then in the spring he had a tiller and would turn the soil to get rid of all the weeds and make the soil smooth and uniform. I had the 'privilege' of doing it one day and as I was moving up the row of the garden, doing what I thought was a great job walking behind the tiller. "NO, no, no....that's not the way we do it."

"I'm sorry, I stuttered? What am I doing wrong?

"You're leaving foot prints in the soil, we don't do that" My mind went into one of those non-comprehending modes as I stopped and looked back at my foot prints. I was stunned. I didn't know what to say or how to respond. I just sat there like a goon with my mouth open staring at my dad trying to see if he was still all there! He was after all, almost 90.

"Here, let me show you."

That was, of course the way he punished you when you didn't fall in line immediately. It was the ultimate put down. I knew what I was doing, I had a college degree, I was a professional engineer, I knew how to till a garden..but now he was going to show me how to turn the soil?

"You walk to the side of it that hasn't been tilled."

I tried to sound professional. "Okay, but why?" And there I was, 10 years old again, asking a stupid question that as soon as I had said it, I knew what was coming....

" Because that' the way I want it done". I can't tell you how many times I heard that growing up and it didn't get any easier to hear when I got older. Throw physics and logic and mathematics out the door. Nothing else mattered. There was only one response that was acceptable..any other one might get you the back of his hand!

You know...it didn't take any longer to do it the way he wanted it done. That was almost always the case. And doggone if it didn't look pretty darn cool.....with no footprints..anywhere. I wasn't about to ask what if you had to walk across it for some other reason....I was happy to assume you carried a rake with you!

The 2nd story has to do with cutting down weeds along the ditch bank that fed his garden. Cleaning ditches is a big part of farming and we weren't cleaning the ditch as much as the bank so we could walk along it to "get" the water. The ditch came in from the upper right of the picture. He had an incredible system of little pipes and tiny rock weirs and it was a system he could set and let it run for hours at just the right flow, so the rows would soak completely and he only had to water about once a week.

It showed up on a Saturday morning and grabbed the Stihl string trimmer the family had bought him a few years back. It was a gas powered, top of the line model, very powerful..I was confident we'd be done in no time. What's a few weeds compared to modern technology and high-speed string ripping the weed's little bodies to smithereens.

As Dad came out the back door, he said. "I don't have any string for the trimmer... we can use the scythe". (See picture of you're not sure what a scythe is) Now his ditch bank has many more weeds than this picture shows, and they were much thicker.

He made the comment about "using a scythe" like it was something we did all the time. For the record, I never saw the scythe used in my lifetime. I'm again looking at him to see if he's showing any signs of losing it mentally. I try to reason with him..."I'll go get some string"...he gives no ground. Apparently, what was good for the pioneers is good enough for us!

We move to the ditch bank. He shows me how to use the scythe from when he last used it, as a boy, 80 years ago...and hands it to me. I stand there thinking, what in the world are we doing? I'm sure in another lifetime, in another realm this ceremonial handing over of the scythe would be a great honor, perhaps even a privilege. I'm still thinking Stihl String Trimmer....

Okay, I'm not a bad golfer and I can play baseball but this isn't a game. And, this heirloom hasn't been sharpened in my lifetime that I know of. Some of the weeds have 3/4-inch stems. So..., I begin. All I'm doing is making them really angry...they are only bending over, not being cut off. It's hot, I'm sweating, now I'm swinging for all I've got and it's not really working. Maybe on some of the smaller ones but it's wiping me out. Imagine swinging a ten-foot-long baseball bat bent two different directions as fast as you can at whiffle balls for 20 minutes at a time. Yes, it becomes torturous. You can rest but it doesn't seem to help. You just have to start again. I think in the end, I was able to finally convince him to lower his expectations and settle for a small path, not the whole ditch bank. Even he could only take so much whining. And we had to use a shovel on the bigger, tougher weeds. But we had a scythe and he wanted to do it that way.

My dad was a man of great principle and integrity and honest as the day is long. Just a quick story about how respected his honesty was. When he built his home on 6235 South, he had an \$85.00 per month mortgage payment that he would make, in cash placed in an envelope, and dropped off at his banker's home in Taylorsville. I don't know why it was done this way, but it was. One month a questions arose about a payment not being received. Dad said he made the payment and that was accepted as fact. There was no other question asked. Can you even imagine that happening today?

He was a good man, but he had some quirks and ways of doing things that today just make me smile as I remember trying to keep up with him and trying to do it his way because that was the way he wanted it done. Yes, in many cases, it really was a better way!

I will always be grateful for the life he gave me and for the contributions he made to the building up of the Bennion area. For the love and care I saw him give to neighbors and church members and people in need.

He was and is a giant in my life. I love you dad. I miss your sense of humor and your wonderful fresh produce. And, I don't know why dad.....but I kept that damn scythe!

